Indian institutes of Handloom Technology

1693. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHT) is yet to make a mark;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's action for betterment;

(c) if not, the reasons for these IIHTs being still not capable of inspiring more youths to make a career in handloom sector; and

(d) the details of Annual Budget, courses, the number of students and performance of all six IIHT?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Government of India, from time to time have taken steps for improving performance of the Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHT) in the Central Sector. Some of the steps taken are as follows:

(i) Institutes have been equipped/upgraded with the requisite machines, equipments and necessary infrastructure.

(ii) Up-gradation of the curriculum to match with the changing requirement of the industry.

(iii) Provision has been made to invite guest faculty to update the knowledge of the students with the latest trends and development in the industry.

(iv) Organize All India Educational Tours/Technical visits for the students to expose them with the wise varieties of the products produced in different part of the country, use of latest technology etc.

(v) Training of faculty.

(vi) A Placement Broachure is also printed by the IIHT for better employment avenues and wider publicity etc.

(c) IIHT have been attracting youths to make career in Handloom Sector. Against the total number of seats of 305 for admission to 3 years diploma course in Handloom Technology, 300 students have been admitted during the year 2004-05 in six IIHT (4 in Central Sector and 2 in State Sector). Similarly, against the total number of seats of 20 (in IIHT, Salem & Varanasi) in Post Diploma Course in Taxtile Chemistry, all have been filled up. In

some of the Institutes like Salem, Varanasi, Jodhpur etc., the students were put in the waiting list. However, they could not be admitted as all the seats got filled up in the Institutes concerned.

(d) At present, 4 Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHT) at Varanasi, Salem, Guwahati and Jodhpur are functioning in the Central Sector and 2 Institutes namely, Shri Pragada Kotaiah Memorial Indian Institute of Handloom Technology at Venkatagiri and Karnataka Handloom Technology Institute at Gadag are functioning in the State Sector. The details of the budget, courses etc. are as follows:

(i) Budget Estimate for the year 2004-05 of 6 Institutes: Rs. 5.55crore

(ii) Course conducted: (i) 3 years Diploma Course in Handloom Technology in all IIHT.

(ii) I1/2 years Post Diploma Course in Textile Chemistry in IIHT, Salem and Varanasi.

(iii) Number of students: Number of seats for Diploma Course in Handloom Technology in 6 Institutes are 305 and against this, the number of students admitted during the year 2004-05 are 300.

(iv) Performance : These Institutes are providing technically qualified professionals for meeting the requirements of the Textile Sector, including Handloom Sector.

Assessment of the apparel parks

1694. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to establish some new apparel parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise and location-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government have assessed the successful working of the already established apparel parks in the country;

(d) if so,the details thereof; and